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SUBJECT: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN CESAR AMADOR

REFS (A) ASUNCION 3918, (B) TUCKER/KNIGHT TELECON

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED TODAY SEPT. 13 BY ING. LUIS PALLAIS DEBAYLE (WHO ACTED AS CHANNEL TO PRES. SOMOZA) OF THE DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN CESAR AUGUSTO AMADOR, D.O.B. 7/15/53, P.O. B. NEW YORK, N.Y. PALLAIS HAD BEEN EARLIER REQUESTED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT (WHO AS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE BY PHONE) THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER THE APPARENT DISAPPEARANCE OF CESAR. ACCORDING TO HIS FATHER, A NICARAGUAN CITIZEN, CESAR HAD BEEN ARRESTED AT HIS HOUSE IN MANAGUA ON SEPT. 9 AT APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON. THIS INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED TO THE RELATIVES BY SOME OF CESAR'S NEIGHBORS.

2. SINCE EARLY SUNDAY SEPT. 10 THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN TRYING TO GAIN ACDESS TO CESAR AND HIS TWO COUSINS, RAUL AND CAROL AMADOR, WHO HAD REPORTEDLY ALSO BEEN ARRESTED THE SAME DAY, BUT AROUND 3:00 P.M., WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT CESAR'S HOUSE TO CHECK ON HIS WHEREABOUTS AFTER HEARING OF HIS REPORTED
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ARREST.
3. AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY AND DELAY CONOFFS WERE FINALLY ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO RAUL AND CAROL AMADOR ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12, BUT AS OF MORNING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13 CESAR WAS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR, DESPITE REPEATED PHONE CALLS FROM AMB AND EMBOFFS. FOLLOWING THE AMBASSADOR'S APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT, LUIS PALLAIS THEN NOTIFIED THE EMBASSY THAT CESAR WAS DEAD AND HAD BEEN KILLED

THE EVENING OF SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 DURING A SANDINISTA GUERRILLA
ATTACK AGAINST THE 10TH POLICE POST LOCATED IN COLONIA CENTROAMERICA
IN MANAGUA WHERE ONE ON THE MOST SERIOUS SANDINISTA ATTACKS OF
THAT EVENING TOOK PLACE.

4. THE EMBASSY AT THIS POINT HAS NO SERIOUS REASON TO BELIEVE
THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE GOVERNMENT IS INACCURATE, GIVEN
THE FACT THAT NO EYE-WITNESSES HAVE YET BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
EMBASSY TO TESTIFY THEY ACTUALLY SAW CESAR ARRESTED AND THE
ATTACKS WHICH TOOK PLACE THAT NIGHT, PARTICULARLY IN COLONIA
CENTROAMERICA, WERE VERY HEAVY AND MANY BODIES WERE NOT ACCOUNTED
FOR IMMEDIATELY.

5. DCM HAS DELIVERED HARSH NOTE OF PROTEST ON FAILURE TO
NOTIFY AND INHUMAN TREATMENT OF RAUL TO VICE FONMIN BODAN
THIS AFTERNOON. HE ALSO WILL PROTEST THE FAILURE OF GON TO LOCATE
BODY OF CESAR AMBDOR.

6. CAROL AND RAUL AMBADOR WERE RELEASED TO THEIR PARENTS
12:30 P.M. TODAY.
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